

Time and Event Speed Speaking

A TOEFL-style one-topic speaking activity.

Rules

Thinking 15 sec.
Speaking 45 sec.



When speaking,
keep speaking.
Don't stop.



HOW

WHO

WHAT

WHEN

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WHY

WHERE

Talk about
your experiences.

Examples

Think of a custom from your home country that you particularly enjoy. Describe the custom and explain why you are fond of it.

Talk about a difficulty you have overcome in your life. Describe the experience and say why it was difficult to overcome.

Talk about something a friend or a family member of yours did that you were proud of. Describe what they did, and explain why you were proud.

Talk about an experience in your life that made you feel embarrassed. Describe it and say why it was embarrassing.

Practice

Talk about a time when you experienced success. Describe the experience and explain why it was a success for you.

Talk about a purchase you've made that you are happy with. Describe what you purchased and why you are happy with it.

When have you been happily surprised by something? Describe the experience and explain why it was a happy one.

Describe a recent event in your country that people often talk about. Why are people interested in the event? Give details.

Imagine the ways in which your country will change over the next five years. Talk about one way you expect it to change. Use details to explain your answer.

Name a famous person who has inspired you. Describe this person and explain why he or she has been inspirational to you.

Think of a book you have not read but would like to read. Explain why you are interested in doing so. Give specific details.

What is your happiest childhood memory? Describe it and give reasons to explain why it is your happiest memory.